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In re Application for:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

EXTENDING COMPUTER

ARCHITECTURE FROM 32 TO 64 BITS

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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33. (Amended) A method for context switching a processor that executes procedures having differing word sizes, comprising the steps of:

of data values for a procedure that are stored in a set of registers in the processor, each have a first word size or a second word size, wherein the first word size is less than the second word size;

- 6 transferring the data values from a least significant portion of each register to a first stack save area
- 7 in memory if the least significant bit of the stack pointer register indicates the first word size;
- 8 transferring the data values from the registers to a second stack save area in memory if the least
- 9 significant bit of the stack pointer register indicates the second word size[;
- setting a width indication bit in the first stack save area in memory, and transferring the data values
- 11 from the registers to a second stack save area in memory and transferring the stack pointer value

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